
Office of Veterans' Affairs

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget: \$230,000
 FY 2002 Proposed Capital Budget: \$0

The Office of Veterans' Affairs seeks to advocate for veterans and their dependents in obtaining their rights, privileges and benefits; provides mandatory counsel and assistance to veterans and their dependents in acquiring Veterans Administration (VA) benefits and privileges, including initiating VA benefits claims; obtaining medical services and burial rights; furnishing technical representation on all appellate claims actions; advising customers on education, employment, housing, and discharge upgrading procedures; and securing DHS services for those who qualify.

The FY 2002 proposed operating budget is \$230,000, an increase of \$230,000 over the FY 2001 approved budget.

Budget Summary

The FY 2002 proposed operating budget is \$230,000 (table VA0-1). The Office is newly established and was not operational in FY 2001. There are 3 full-time equivalents (FTEs) supported by this budget. (table VA0-2)

- Become an organization that is recognized as a partner by other county, state, and federal agencies that deal with veteran services, as well as the national veteran service organizations.
- Deliver services and programs that meet the needs of the District's veterans, armed forces members, survivors, and dependents.

Strategic Issues

- Serve as a clearinghouse providing information and assistance that will enhance the veteran's quality of life.
- Assist veterans and their families in obtaining state, federal and local benefits to which they are entitled that they might not otherwise receive.

FY 2002 Initiatives

- Design and implement programs and services that will meet the needs of veterans, their dependents and their survivors.
- Provide advocacy support and information services to veterans, their dependents and their survivors concerning federal and District laws and regulations affecting benefits and claims.

Table VA0-1

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(Dollars in Thousands)

Office of Veterans' Affairs

| | Actual FY 2000 | Approved FY 2001 | Proposed FY 2002 | Change from FY 2001 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Pay - Cont. Full Time | 0 | 0 | 124 | 124 |
| Fringe Benefits | 0 | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| <i>Subtotal Personal Services (PS)</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>146</i> | <i>146</i> |
| Supplies and Materials | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Communications | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Other Services and Charges | 0 | 0 | 29 | 29 |
| Subsidies and Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Equipment and Equipment Rental | 0 | 0 | 43 | 43 |
| <i>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>84</i> | <i>84</i> |
| Total Proposed Operating Budget | 0 | 0 | 230 | 230 |

Table VA0-2

FY 2002 Full-Time Equivalent Employment LevelsOffice of Veterans' Affairs

| | Actual FY 2000 | Approved FY 2001 | Proposed FY 2002 | Change from FY 2001 |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Continuing full time | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Total FTEs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |

Table VA0-3

FY 2002 VA0 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(Dollars in Thousands)

Office of Veterans' Affairs

| | Actual FY 1998 | Actual FY 1999 | Actual FY 2000 | Approved FY 2001 | Proposed FY 2002 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Local | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 |
| Gross Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 |

- Help veterans, their dependents, and their survivors receive all benefits to which they are entitled from the District and federal government.
- Increase and secure support for the Office from outside the District government to include the solicitation of donations, grants and volunteer services in accordance with the District law.
- Pursue opportunities through public-private partnerships with veteran service organizations, businesses, labor organizations, religious organizations, private charities and others to serve the veterans.

Agency Background

The Executive Office of the Mayor proposed to adopt the Office of Veterans' Affairs (OVA) in 2001 as part of a bill to amend Title 47. The purpose of the Office is to assist veterans, members of

the armed forces, their families, their dependents and their survivors in securing benefits earned through military service. The Office will be a strong advocate for veterans and veteran issues at the local and federal level.

Programs

The Office of Veterans' Affairs will sponsor and participate in a number of special programs to benefit veterans residing in the District of Columbia.

Funding Summary

The proposed local budget is \$230,000. Personal services funds total \$145,978. Nonpersonal services funds amount to \$84,022. There are 3 full-time equivalents supported by local funds. Refer to the FY 2002 Operating Appendices (bound separately) for details.